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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a largely rural community, with only one telecom that services our area for internet access. Having a local provider who can give much better service and speeds, is imperative to my quality of life, I have children in grade school, middle school, high school, and soon college, all of whom need stable internet with adequate speeds to be able to perform as the school expects. Our internet is also imperative to operating mobile phones as service in my area is spotty at best. By allowing fair competition I have been able to acquire service through a local provider that meets my needs and is expedient when dealing with issues, something our local telecom was unable or unwilling to do. Our local provider has installed fiber internet giving my family speed and stability that was before unavailable with a sub-par DSL hookup that required additional fees and television service, that I had no interest in, to acquire. More competition is the only way a free market will thrive and by limiting said market, it infringes upon the basic rights of United States citizens.

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